

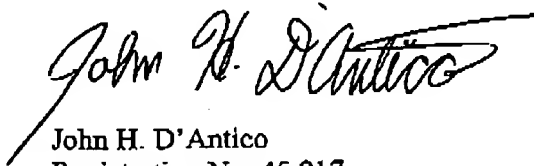
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PATENT RESPONSE

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes this Response requires a three (3) month extension of time. However, Applicant hereby requests a conditional petition in case Applicant inadvertently overlooked the need to petition for an extension of time, or any other required fee, in which case Applicant requests that **any and all** applicable charges be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account No. 23-2053. Applicant intends this authorization to be carried throughout the pendency of this Application, in full accordance with 37 CFR 1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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